



United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of Michigan
Wireless Technology Usage Policy



1. Wireless technology use, including accessing the internet, in the courthouse is restricted to court staff, attorneys, trustees or their support staff, and is to be limited to legitimate business purposes such as retrieving case information, evidence presentation, research, e-mail, or note taking.
2. The Bankruptcy Court is not responsible for providing wireless internet access. Access to a wireless internet network is the responsibility of the wireless technology user.
3. Use is permitted only to the extent that it does not interfere with judicial proceedings or the ability of the public to observe the proceedings. Wireless use that in any way interferes with, harms, or disrupts the Bankruptcy Court's system or others' property will not be tolerated. A presiding judge may order the discontinuance of the use of such computers or other wireless devices at any time. Prior to entering any courtroom, laptop computers must have the sound disabled or muted.
4. Under no circumstances may a laptop computer or other electronic device be used to conduct broadcasting, televising, recording or photographing in any courthouse location.
5. The Bankruptcy Court strongly urges the use of updated virus protection software and to keep the computer's operating system updated with necessary patches. Users of wireless network technology are responsible for taking privacy and security precautions including but not limited to, use of virtual private networks, encryption and personal firewalls.
6. Wireless systems transmit voice and data communications over a complex network. The privacy and security of such voice and data transmissions cannot be guaranteed. By using a wireless service in the courthouse you understand that such services are not inherently secure, and that wireless communications can be intercepted by equipment and software designed for that purpose. The Bankruptcy Court is not liable to you or any other party for any lack of privacy you experience while using wireless technology inside the courthouse.
7. Wireless technology users should be familiar with their own personal wireless devices and should have basic knowledge of how to connect their own devices to a wireless service. Court staff cannot provide technical assistance with personal devices

or configurations and cannot guarantee that the user will be able to make a wireless connection.

8. Wireless technology users should have available a fully charged battery and prepare to be self powered, as electrical outlets may not be readily available in public areas.

9. Electrical cords may not interfere with public traffic areas or courtroom technology equipment. Patrons will be asked to terminate their use of electrical power if court personnel determine that such use could present a safety hazard or interfere with courtroom technology or proceedings.

10. Personal headphones are required for use with audio files.